Prosecution of Scamsters

932. SHRI JAGESH DESAI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) how many of the scamsters have so far been prosecuted and are facing trials in the courts, together with details thereof;

(b) what is the amount involved in the scam cases pending in the courts and steps being taken by Government to attach the properties of the persons involved:

(c) whether their properties are attached, if so, indicate the value of the same; and

(d) how much amount Government hope to recover out of the total amount involved in the scam ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY) : (a) Central Bureau of Investigation have reported that 74 persons involved have been prosecuted and are facing trial in the special Court, Bombay and in the court of Sessions Judge, Delhi.

(b) to (d) In terms of the provisions contained in the Special Court (Trial of Offences relating to the Transactions in Securities) Act, 1992, the Custodian has attached assets of notified persons valued at about Rs. 2910 crores (Provisional) as on 30th November, 1994. The actual amount which would be ultimately recovered would be known only after the claims are decided by the Special Court.

Consumer's Fora

933. SHRI JAGESH DEKAI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government to consult the consumer's fora before framing the next budget;

(b) if so, name the fora to be consulted for the purpose; and

(c) the areas covered by these fora ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY) : (a) to (c) The Finance Minister had already held a pre-budget meeting with Consumer's Fora on 8-12-94. The representatives of Fora invited to this meeting were from Common Cause, (New Delhi), VOICE (New Delhi). Federation of Consumer Organisation (Madras), Consumer Education and Research Centre (Ahmedabad), Consumer Unity and Trust Society (Jaipur), Indian Institute of Consumer Studies (Bangalore), Federation of Consumer Associations (Calcutta), and Consumer Guidance Society of Jamshedpur.

Fifth Pay Commission

934. SHRI JAGESH DESAI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the Central Fifth Pay Commission has been fully constituted;

(b) whether the demand of the employees for inclusion of their represedtatives as members of the Commission has been met by Goverrment;

(c) If so, by when they are likely to be appointed as Members of the commission; and

(d) whether the Commission has started taking oral evidence; if not, by when it is likely to commence?